

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants request that the Examiner consider the following remarks in addition to the above claim amendments.

The Examiner's amendment mailed 21 January 2010 essentially involved amending the sweep wall limitation in independent claim 50, and moving dependent claim 16 into each of independent claims 48, 49, and 50. Thus, claim 16 should have been canceled. In the Applicants' above claim amendments, claim 16 is canceled. Further, claims 17, 19, 20, and 21 each depended directly from claim 16. Thus, the Applicants have adjusted the dependency for each of these three claims in the above claim amendments.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the above claim amendments, which subsume the 21 January 2010 Examiner's Amendment with regard to independent claims 48, 49, and 50, place all of the pending claims (namely claims 2-15, 17-21, 26-31, 33, 34, and 44-51) in condition for allowance. The Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner enter these claim amendments.

Conclusion

The Applicants believe that, in view of the above claim amendments, each of the pending claims is now in condition for allowance, namely claims 2-15, 17-21, 26-31, 33, 34, and 44-51. If further amendments are required or if the Examiner has any questions, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted electronically this 21st day of February 2010.

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